TO THE

# ILLUSTRIOUS

The LORD

# HENRY HOWARD

OF

# *NORFOLK*, &c.

MY LORD,

*I Have good aſſurance, that I ſhall not have need to ſay much in Juſtification of this Adventure; or to deviſe Reaſons, why I hold my ſelf obliged to addreſs this* Volume *to your Lordſhip. I may, I think, preſume on the* one hand, *that notice will be ſoon taken, that we have here aſſerted and vindicated our care for the* Reſuſcitation *of* Inſtructive Antiquities; *for the* Promotion *of* Arts *and* Sciences; *for the diligent* Perluſtration *of the* Chief parts *of the* World; *together with ſome not un-accurate Reſearches for good Models of* Artifice, *and for many Excellencies of* Nature; (*as will appear in the* Preface, *and in ſeveral of the* Tracts *following thereupon.*) *And ſure I am that on the* other hand *it will be conſider'd, that Your Lordſhip as well by your* Hereditary *Claim, as by your* Perſonal *Inclination and Addiction is pleaſed to be very affectionatly concern'd in all theſe Reſpects; that due Veneration may be given to the* Antient *and Firſt Inventors; and that* Modern *Induſtry be not diſcouraged, but that all advantages be imported from the remoteſt Diſtances of* Time *and* Place, *for the benefit of our own Country, and for Poſterity. Now from theſe Conſiderations I think I may have good hopes, that this my humble Oblation will not be accuſed of any Incongruity, though it be too mean to teſtifie the devotion I bear and owe to your Lordſhip.*

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My Lord, *we are bound, on all occaſions to commemorate the Honour, you have done the* Royal Society, *by entertaining them in* Arundel-houſe, *as in a* Princely Colledge, *ever ſince they remov'd from* Greſham; *and for endowing them with a rich and un common* Library; *and for your manifold and great merit in the Advancement of* Learning: *A part of which is recorded in the* Archives *of* Oxford.

*Your Incomparable Grandfather, the Renowned* Earl Marſhall *of* England, *and* Earl *of* Arundel *and* Surrey, *was in his time acknowledged the* Preſident *and* Fautor *of the Nobleſt Diſciplines, and had the Curioſity and Felicity to collect many of the moſt conſiderable Monuments of the* Primæval Monarchies, *and thereby to enrich this Kingdome with the moſt Antient* Sculptures, *and the moſt Excellent* Paintings. *And ſuch of theſe Monuments, as were proper for the* Theater *of that Univerſity, the famous MARMORA ARUNDELIANA, your Bounty hath placed there as in the fitteſt Seat to ſucceed in the poſſeſſion of the* Remains *of* Old Greece *and* Athens.

*But becauſe theſe Glories are too reſplendent for the baſhfulneſs of my Proſe, I ſhall reſign to the Elogy of our late* Pindar, *who, when the* Oxonian Theater *was firſt ſolemnized, after he had in his* Pindaric *raptures celebrated the Heroical Vertues of your Moſt Illuſtrious Progenitors,* Dukes *of* Norfolk; *amongſt other great Attributes, juſtly appropriated to your Lordſhip, left us this* Memorandum;

Clarior emicat — Tenebráſque demit Hiſtoriæ.
*HENRICUS*, genuinus Hæres, — Majoribus Poſteriſque partitur
Sublimis Columen domûs: — Largus Influxum bifidum, vetatque
Antiquitati pandit lumen obſcuræ *Illis* Præteritum deeſſe, vel *his* Futurum.

*Conquerors, Emperors, and Crown'd Heads, even when they have perform'd things truly great and worthy of renown, have ſometimes paſſed over the Stage as in a Dumb Shew, ſcarcely mention'd in any* Authentick Hiſtory: *But the Muſes do never forget to conſecrate their Votaries,* Philoſophers; *and their own Patrons. And* good Letters *and* Arts *are more laſting than* Marbles. *And they, who recover Life to the beſt Literature; who reſtore, and preſerve, and excite Arts, and who give a longer duration to the moſt laſting Monuments; Theſe may Juſtly claim for themſelves the faireſt and moſt durable Monument, in the perſuaſion of,*

My LORD,
Your Lordſhips
Very Humble and Obedient Servant
*Henry Oldenburg Soc. Reg. Secret.*

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